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## Guidance on the Safety of Pedal Bicycles

**The Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 2010** came into force on the 6 April 2010.

The Pedal Bicycles Safety Regulations are intended to ensure that new bicycles are safe when sold, so used (i.e. secondhand) bikes and any bikes offered for hire are not included.

### **Requirements**

This regulation is about bicycles, so unicycles, tricycles and quadricycles, are completely exempt. But almost everything with two wheels is included, i.e. tandems, delivery bikes, etc.

### **Regulation 3**

Provides exemptions for certain types of bicycles. These include bicycles which:

- Have a maximum saddle height of less than 635 millimetres,
- Have been previously supplied and used (other than for the purpose of testing) on an off road,
- Is a bicycle which has no brakes and is specifically designed for off-road racing on enclosed tracks,
- Has been constructed, or is intended to be assembled, to the design of an individual person for use by that person in competitive events,
- The person supplying the bicycle believes it will not be used in the United Kingdom.

#### Regulation 4

Sets out the conditions which are to be satisfied when supplying a bicycle which is sold fully assembled (other than a bicycle supplied wholly or partly as unassembled parts).

Every new bicycle has to come with:

1. A bell
2. Where brakes are fitted which are intended to be hand operated - The brake lever intended to be operated by the right hand must operate the front brake and the brake lever intended to be left hand must operate the rear brake
3. White or yellow reflectors on both sides of each wheel or tyre
4. A white wide-angle front reflector, or a front lamp
5. A red wide-angle rear reflector
6. Yellow reflectors front and rear on each pedal

The reflectors (or front lamp) required above must be of a specification that is approved by UK Lighting Regulations. Further information on pedal cycles lighting can be found by accessing the following link:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/407848/Information\\_Sheet\\_Pedal\\_Cycles\\_Lighting.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/407848/Information_Sheet_Pedal_Cycles_Lighting.pdf)

#### Regulation 5

Sets out the conditions which are to be satisfied when supplying a bicycle as unassembled parts (whether wholly or partially)

The provisions relate to the bicycle being supplied with:

- A list of readily available standard tools, required to assemble the parts correctly,
- Any special or non-standard tools, required to assemble the parts correctly,
- A set of instructions containing information on the correct assembly and subsequent adjustments of any unassembled parts.

The bicycle must be capable of being assembled and adjusted in accordance with the instructions so as to comply with the requirements of Regulation 4.

## **The General Product Safety Regulations 2005**

The General Product Safety Regulations 2005 transpose Directive 2001/95/EC on general product safety into UK law.

The purpose of the General Product Safety Directive is to ensure that all products intended for or likely to be used by consumers under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions are safe.

The Directive pursues its principal objective of ensuring consumer product safety by:

- specifying that products placed on the market or supplied by producers and distributors must be safe;
- defining a safe product;
- imposing obligations on producers and distributors consistent with marketing safe products;
- laying down a framework for assessing safety;
- requiring enforcement authorities to be empowered to take the action necessary to protect consumers from unsafe products.

The full guidance notes for The General Product Safety Regulations 2005 can be accessed using the following link

[http://www.derrystrabane.com/getmedia/8e5d69af-8ab9-4dfb-ac7c-c3580319c79b/gpsr\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.derrystrabane.com/getmedia/8e5d69af-8ab9-4dfb-ac7c-c3580319c79b/gpsr_guidance.pdf)

Please note: This information has no legal force and is not an authoritative interpretation of the law, which is a matter for the Courts. It is intended to help suppliers of pedal bicycles to understand in general terms, the main features of the legislation. The information is not a substitute for the legislation and you should refer to the text of the Regulations for a full statement of legal requirements and obligations. Where appropriate, you should seek your own independent legal advice.

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